5/13-72, RB (HR),

On return from successful (Ray) trip and without having unpacked attache case, I read your FM suggestions this a.m. and will be incorporating most of them. Lil, interrupted by serious family problems, had typed but little. She is now going over them and will be incorporating in c opy from which she is retyping.

If it is, as you said, very hasty (and it is, for you also made some grammatical errors!), it is also helpful, esp. where you caught the 100% wrong ref to the weight missing from 399!

Because of the haste, you had no time for comment. I can also understand that you might prefer to make none. If this is not the case, I would welcome your opinion. Including of content with which you might disagree.

Probably by the time you make it this will, so far as we are concerned, be frozen, for we have so much to do we can't afford the luxury of reworking when there is so much unwritten. I can anticipate some disagreements. I would like to understand them, whether or not I agree with them. My own view, right or wrong, is that it is past time to shake out the self-seekers (not that a book for which there is no printing prospect can do it) and those who, however in agreement with those who have done work, have done none of their own, electing profit instead, as it is to release the ~~maximum~~ restraints of those who, no matter how fine, remain part of the past; and that if this requires exposure, so be it!

In the past, save for what I did in the Epilogue of WWII, I have avoided all public criticism of any critic. I also think that the time for this position also is now past. (Fact is, when the question of other critics has come up in the past, I have always found it possible to say what I can that is favorable and to avoid what is not. Even Lane.)

So, if you believe I am wrong to address what I do (ellipsis intended to avoid prejudicing HR, who might yet read, if only after final typing) and/or wrong in how I address it, I'd like to know, as I would like to know your thinking.

Thanks for taking the time. Best regards,